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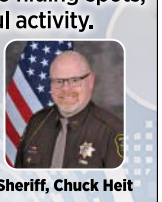

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Notre Dame mourns the passing of President Jimmy Carter

COMMUNITY REPORT

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The University of Notre Dame's president, Rev. Robert A. Dowd, C.S.C., joined today with leaders worldwide in mourning the death of former President Jimmy Carter at age 100 at his home in Plains, Georgia.

"President Carter was a cherished friend of Notre Dame, and, in particular, of our longtime president, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.," Father Dowd said. "The Notre Dame community joins in mourning the passing of our 39th president while also celebrating his remarkable service to our nation and the world, both in and out of the Oval Office. We extend our deepest condolences to the Carter family."

Notre Dame's relationship with Carter began in the summer of 1976. Soon after accepting the Democratic Party's nomination for president, Carter called Father Hesburgh late one evening seeking advice on a variety of issues. Carter appreciated the insights Father Hesburgh shared, so much so that he provided the priest-president with his home phone number in Plains and asked for any recommendations he might have for people to serve in his administration if he were to win the election.

Soon after Carter was elected in November, Father Hesburgh met with the president-elect in Washington, D.C., to discuss recommendations made by the Presidential Clemency Board, a panel to which Father Hesburgh was appointed by President Gerald Ford.

After Carter was inaugurated in January 1977, Father Hesburgh invited the new president to Notre Dame's commencement ceremony in May to deliver the principal address and receive an honorary degree. Carter accepted and gave what many regard as the most important foreign policy address of his presidency, advocating for the creation

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Former President of the United States Jimmy Carter speaks during a tribute ceremony for the late President Emeritus Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C. in 2015

Notre Dame, Niles mayor release statements after deadly New Orleans attack

STAFF REPORT

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Hours before the Notre Dame football team was set to play Georgia in the Allstate Sugar Bowl college football playoff game in New Orleans, tragedy struck as a truck sped through New Year's celebrators in the city, killing more than 10 and injuring dozens.

In a statement Wednesday, University of Notre Dame President Rev. Robert A. Dowd, C.S.C. expressed his sympathy regarding the deadly attack.

"Our prayers are with the family members and loved ones of all those impacted by the terrible attack in New Orleans early this morning. We also pray for all those injured and extend our deepest gratitude to the brave first responders who risked their lives to protect others. To be in solidarity with those who suffer is to exemplify the spirit of Notre Dame. Today, we are in solidarity with all those impacted by this tragedy."

The Federal Bureau of Investigations is investigating the attack as a terrorist attack after ten people were killed and more than 30 were injured in the early morning hours on Wednesday.

The game has attracted thousands of Notre Dame and Georgia fans to the city, including Niles Mayor Nick Shelton and his family, who were safe from the attack.

"Allison and I celebrated the New Year on Bourbon Street with friends, and woke up to the tragic news this morning," Shelton said in a statement to Leader Publications. "It's such a terrible and senseless act. Much of the French Quarter has been shut down as police continue to search and monitor the scene. We are grateful that our friends who are here in New Orleans are safe, and our hearts break for those who were killed or injured.

"Thank you to all who have called and texted us this morning."

The Allstate Sugar Bowl was postponed to Thursday after initially being scheduled for 8:45 p.m. Wednesday.

Leaderpub.com will be updated when more information is available.

Illinois man gets jail time in Niles Saylor's Pizza crash

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

NILES — The man who crashed into Saylor's Pizza on the city's west side in late September was sentenced Monday in Berrien County Trial Court.

Jaquan Deon Chestnut, 22, of Chicago Heights, Ill., pleaded guilty to third degree fleeing and eluding police and resisting and obstructing police and was sentenced to two concurrent terms of 180 days in jail with credit for 104 days already served. He must pay $326 in fines and costs.

Chestnut

Restitution to Saylor's and to the car rental company will be determined at a later date. The Saylor's building was destroyed in the incident.

The incident began in Bertrand Township on Sept. 24 when a Berrien County Sheriff's Office deputy was on pa-

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By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BUCHANAN — A new restaurant and cidery is giving the historic Redden block a new lease on life in downtown Buchanan.

Thistledown & Row, 103 Days Ave, opened its doors to the public Wednesday and is offering its take on modern American cuisine paired with organic ciders, meads, and Michigan wines. The restaurant is owned and operated by Buchanan Craft LLC., the creators of River Saint Joe, Michigan's only organic brewery.

The project has been in the works since 2022, when Buchanan Craft LLC was approached by local developer Rowland Property Group, which envisioned bringing new businesses to Buchanan's growing downtown area.

The Rowland Property Group undertook the task of restoring

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Thistledown & Row opened its doors to the public Wednesday at 103 Days Ave. in Buchanan.

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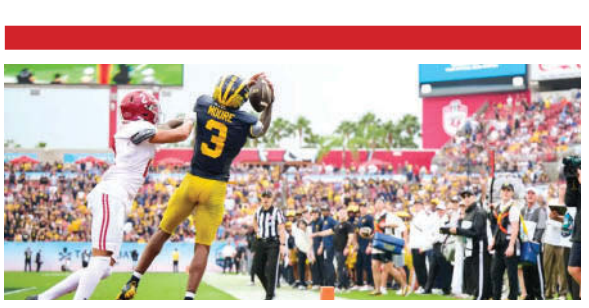

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TIPS, QUIPS, AND BLIPS

What is Frankly? It is where readers sound off on issues of the day. Have a tip, quip or blip? Call Frankly at (269) 687-7702 or email rich.cains@leaderpub.com

Write down ten 2025 goals. Turn over the sheet of paper and pick only one of those. Put your heart and soul into that goal. That's how it's done.

Say what you want about Jimmy Carter and his administration. He was devoted to his wife, daughter and his country.

At 95, President Carter was still driving nails in new construction with Habitat for Humanity. His last build was in 2019. I'd like to see a younger Trump or Biden do that.

Here is to a happier, unified 2025 for all the people of the Earth. We need to stop listening to politicians and start listening to each other at the coffee shop. Most Americans are on the same page, but the political pundits and politicians believe in self-preservation and never allow the people to find peace, political and otherwise.

Turn off social media in 2025. It's hurting your eyes, your back, your fat belly and it's misinforming you. You don't have as many friends as you think on that little phone.

We have far too many cannabis stores in the area. I'm all for cannabis and its use, but we are killing local owners who have established businesses and were great philanthropists in our area.

Go Lions!

Tariffs will not lower prices..... duh. Tariffs kill local and national US manufacturers relying on foreign raw materials by raising import prices and simultaneously raising prices on US exports when, inkind, other countries place tariffs on us. Tariff money goes to the US government so they can squander it..... make no mistake about it. Make America Ache Again

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The days are getting longer again. Only a few months of rough weather left. We are already halfway through the snow, slush and cold. Stay positive and maybe it will be a mild winter. Either way, the warmth will eventually arrive.

WEATHER

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LOW FAMILY FOUNDATION DONATES $50,000 TO FERNWOOD BOTANICAL GARDEN

COMMUNITY REPORT

NILES — The Low Family Foundation, created by Joseph N. and Rosemary E. Low in 2023, recently donated $50,000 to Fernwood Botanical Garden in Niles.

Foundation Advisory Board Chairperson John N. Low presented a check to Fernwood's Executive Director, Mary Krinock.

Fernwood was selected for its commitment to excellence and significance to the community as a placemaker—a cultural resource and education center. In 2024, it celebrated its 60th anniversary as a public garden, with the mission to enrich people's lives by awakening and deepening their appreciation of nature.

This generous gift will enhance Fernwood's educational and horticultural programs, support the annual LIGHTS at Fernwood event, and contribute to general operations.

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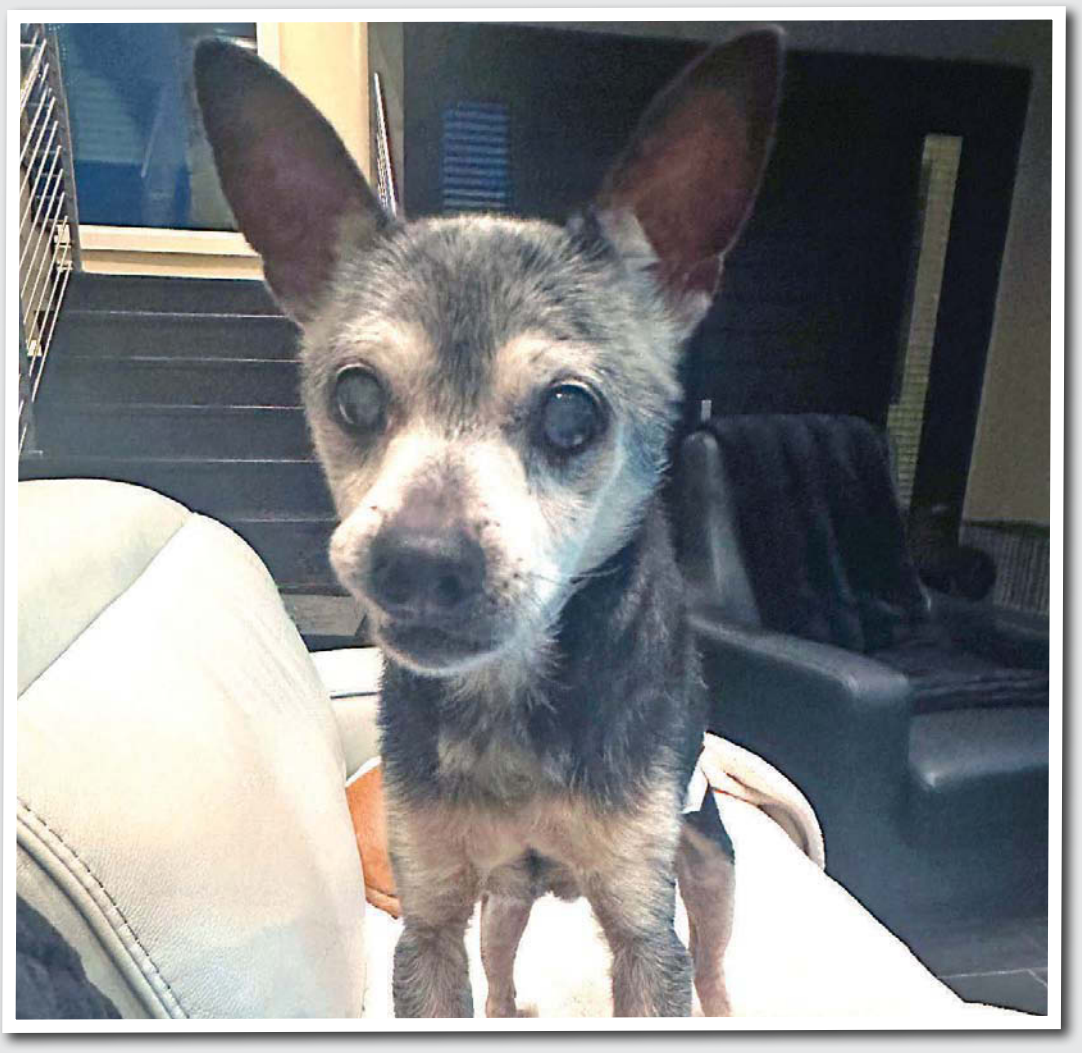
From left: Foundation Advisory Board Chairperson John N. Low and Fernwood Executive Director Mary Krinock.

The Low Family Foundation has a mission to support not-for-profit charitable, educational, and religious organizations within a 100-mile radius of Niles, Michigan. Joseph and Rosemary Low were long-time residents of Niles, and the donation was made in memory of Wilma V. Low.

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet **William**, a 15 year-old dog from Seven Star Rescue. William is a seasoned gent of 15 years. Described by volunteers as a mellow soul with a dash of curiosity and a sprinkle of independence, William enjoys eating and napping and prefers a calm home. Not adverse to company, William gets along well with dogs and cats. Email sevenstarsanctuary@gmail.com.



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Dowagiac man gets prison time for Niles Township gas station robbery

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

NILES — Four area residents were sentenced to prison Monday in sentencings in Berrien County Trial Court at the Niles courthouse.

A Dowagiac man already in prison for an armed robbery related conviction received another prison sentence for armed robbery, firearm and assault charges.

Cordeleus Anthony Martin, 36, of Dowagiac, was found guilty of armed robbery, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, assault with a dangerous weapon and three counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony after a jury trial earlier this fall.

Martin

Martin was sentenced to 15 years to 45 years in prison on the armed robbery charge, 24 months to five years on the firearm possession charge, 24 months to four years for the assault charge and consecutive two years in prison on the three felony firearms charges. He has credit for no time served and must pay $1,292 in fines, costs and restitution.

The incident occurred April 5, 2023 at Dale's Mini-Mart in Niles Township. The Cass County incident for assault with intent to rob while armed that Martin was sentenced for earlier this year actually occurred after the Berrien County incident, on July 27, 2023 at the Stone Lake Marathon in Cassopolis.

Defense attorney Carri Briseno noted that Martin maintains his innocent in the Berrien county incident and is preparing to appeal his conviction. For his part, Martin said he still doesn't understand how he was convicted of the crime.

Berrien County Trial Court Judge Jennifer Smith noted that Martin was convicted by a jury after hearing all of the evidence. She said his past record includes two felonies and 14 misdemeanors.

She pointed out that Martin's DNA was found at the scene and that he committed two armed robberies in a short period of time.

"That makes you a danger to the community," she said. "The victim was terrified after you put a gun in her face. It was a very frightening experience for her."

Dallas Mitchell Anderson, 58, of Plainwell, was found guilty of third offense drunk driving and was sentenced to 48 months in prison with credit for one day served. He must pay $198 in fines and costs.

Anderson

The drunk driving incident occurred Jan. 9 in Niles Township. Police found his truck off the road in a ditch. His blood alcohol level was .195, more than twice the legal limit.

Anderson continues to maintain his innocence that he wasn't driving that day and said he was sick that day and only had one drink. "I promised myself after I got out of prison that I would never get behind the wheel when I was drunk," he said.

Judge Smith said she believes he was drinking and driving that day. "You said your took one drink to battle your illness, .195 is not one drink," she said. "What you're saying may feel like the truth but it doesn't make sense. This is your seventh drunk driving, I have to make sure people are safe from you."

Timothy Patrick James, 37, of Buchanan, pleaded guilty to fleeing and eluding police, unlawful driving away of an automobile and second offense domestic violence and was sentenced to concurrent terms of 24 months to 60 months and 18 months to 60 months in prison on the first two charges and credit for 298 days in jail for the domestic violence charge.

James

He must pay a total of $23,773.27 in fines, costs and restitution. The incident occurred May 3 in Buchanan.

Judge Smith noted that James was on parole out of Indiana at the time of the incident and his record includes a number of crimes against police such as fleeing and eluding and assaultive behavior. "I don't think you're a good candidate for probation," she said. "I hope your mindset has changed, that would be great but I can't ignore your record of crime."

John Alan Johnson, 58, homeless, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine and was sentenced to 12 months to 10 years in prison. He has not credit for time served because he was on parole and was ordered to pay $198 in fines and costs.

The incident occurred Sept. 23 in Niles.

He said he took full responsibility for his actions and said he made a bad choice to use drugs.

Judge Smith noted that Johnson's record goes back to 1980. "This last time, you started your parole by absconding," she said. "You didn't want to take advantage of services when you were first on parole. You have 39 misdemeanor and 13 felony convictions, at some point there are no more excuses. You have had 44 years of criminal activity."

THK Law names Elizabeth Klesmith to partner

COMMUNITY REPORT

CASSOPOLIS — The law firm of THK Law, LLP, has announced the promotion of Elizabeth "Libby" Klesmith to partner.

"We are thrilled to welcome Libby as a partner," said Eric Seigel, managing partner. "Her dedication to her clients, legal acumen, and deep commitment to the South Bend community embody the values we strive for at THK. Libby's leadership and contributions have strengthened our team, and we look forward to her continued success in this new role."

Klesmith joined THK Law in 2014 after earning her law degree from Notre Dame Law School. She also holds a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Mich. Over the past decade, she has cultivated a broad legal practice that includes civil litigation, insurance defense, real estate law, and trademark law. She has represented clients in a wide variety of matters, including medical malpractice, contract disputes, employment defense, and real estate transactions.

Klesmith is admitted to practice law in Indiana and Michigan, as well as before the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana and the Western District of Michigan. She is active in the legal profession, currently serving as the chair-elect of the Indiana State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section. She is also involved with the American Bar Association, the St. Joseph County Bar Association (where she served as president from 2021–2022), and the Cass County Bar Association.

Her accomplishments have earned recognition from Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America, The Indiana Lawyer (Leadership in Law - Up and Coming Lawyer honoree in 2023), and a spot in the Michiana Forty Under 40 Class of 2020 for her professional achievements and community involvement.

Beyond her legal career, Klesmith is committed to the South Bend community. She is a past board member and current volunteer and committee member of the South Bend Civic Theatre. Her community involvement also includes active participation in the Junior League of South Bend, the Young Professionals Network, Reins of Life, and the Youth Service Bureau, as well as mentoring Notre Dame Law School students.

MARRIAGES

Berrien County marriage licenses

ST. JOSEPH — The following couples were recently granted marriage licenses by the Berrien County Clerk's Office:

Austin Kenney, Niles, to Chloe Lamb, Nilles
Stacie Lynn Lovely, Niles, to Jon Paul Arsenault, Niles
Richard William Schoner, Niles, to Janet Sue Brant, Niles

Quentin Cave, DAT, LAT, ATC

COMMUNITY NEWS

DOWAGIAC — It's been a busy year for Quentin Cave between completing his Doctor of Athletic Training degree last October and moving to Nevada for the 2024-25 school year.

Cave graduated from Southwestern Michigan College in 2016 after serving as a Resident Assistant (RA) in William M. White Hall.

"I actually just started a new job with Dignity Physical Therapy in Las Vegas, where I am the athletic trainer for Las Vegas High School," Cave said in late July, when he turned 34. "It's the very first high school to open in the city of Las Vegas way back in 1905."

The Wildcats' school colors are red and black. Clark County School District contains 73 high schools.

Cave said relocating developed after he finished his doctorate and wanted "to find an organization that provided me with growth opportunities. Making such a big move was terrifying, but I've been here since July 15 and it's getting better every day."

Last school year, at Goshen Orthopedics, Cave provided athletic training services for student athletes in grades 7-12 for the Fairfield Junior/Senior High School Falcons in

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Opinion

The holidays are over, now what?

We've had our holiday season come and go, much like yesterday's meatloaf. It feels like every year, we're just preparing and preparing. We decorate, we volunteer, we shop, we cook, and so on. Now, it's the time just after the celebrations that feels odd. We're not really looking forward to much, and we've already had all the fun we could. So, now what?

It's still winter, it's still snowy (kind of) and it's still decorated (mostly). Well, now we just move on with the new year and enjoy the little moments. We need to remember to appreciate the small things, like getting your favorite coffee at Starbucks or enjoying a peaceful drive to work.

Turnock

We always seem to be planning for something big, looking forward to grand events. However, it's just as important to look forward to and cherish the small moments.

I, for one, love my mornings because they're typically quite relaxed. I don't have to start work as early as most, so if I wake up early enough, I can sit in silence and enjoy my morning tea or coffee. I like to use those quiet moments to reflect and find calm.

Most of us get so caught up in what's next and what we need to prepare for that we forget to appreciate the small joys in life. Personally, I love holding the door for someone and making them smile, or when a stranger at the supermarket says good morning to me.

These small connections—these little moments—make everything so much better. They bring us bursts of joy and peace in life. I sometimes forget this, as we all do.

On a bad day, I might think to myself, "Wow, this whole day is ruined. I just want it to be over so I can restart tomorrow." But we often overlook that every moment counts.

I try to remind myself that even one second can change my perspective. So, look for happiness and joy in everything you do. Find that "silver lining" and see your day for what it truly is—a blessing.

Peace and love to you all.

Joshua Turnock is a Niles graduate and a valued member of Leader Publications' Design Team.

NEWS

County commissioners elect officers

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County Commissioners held their 2025 organizational meeting Thursday to elect officers and make committee appointments. Commissioners also heard a plea from County Board Chairman McKinley Elliott for non-partisanship.

Elliot represents the 10th District which covers the Buchanan area and was re-elected board chair for another two year term. He has been the board chairman for the last six years and also served as board chairman more than 30 years ago, from 1991-92.

Commissioner Teri Freehling was re-elected as board vice-chair for a one year term. Freehling represents the 8th district which covers the Baroda-Berrien Springs area. She has been on the board since 2015 and is starting her fifth year as vice-chair.

Elliott said he was going to keep committee assignments and committee chairs the same as the last two years. Jim Curran remains the chairman the administration committee, Mamie Yarbrough the chairman of the finance committee and Robert Harrison the chairman of the personnel and human services committee.

Administration committee members are Curran, Dave Vollrath, Alex Ott and new commissioner Sharon Tyler. Finance committee members are Yarbrough, Jon Hinkelman, Freehling and Rayonte Bell. Personnel and human services committee members are Harrison, Chokwe Pitchford and Julie Wuerfel.

Tyler is the only new commissioner on the board. She won the November election after defeating fellow Republican Michael Majerek in the August primary. Tyler previously served as the Berrien County Clerk for the last several years and has a long career in public service.

Curran will continue as the sergeant-at-arms, Freehling as the parliamentarian and Yarbrough as the chaplain.

Commissioners approved the board meeting schedule for 2025 as well as their bylaws, rules and procedures but both are subject to change. Harrison noted that his committee will work with staff to update the bylaws, rules and procedures in light of the change in commissioner terms from two to four years.

Legislation signed into law by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in 2021 changed the length of county commissioners' terms from two to four years. That change took effect with the 2024 election cycle.

With meeting dates, commissioners approved the weekly regular committee of the whole and county board meetings for Thursdays at 8:35 and 10:30 a.m. but left open the question of when and where they will hold night meetings this year.

Tyler noted that the night meetings are costly to county staff and said that she thinks any night meetings should be at county-owned sites so as to not force municipalities or other entities to incur costs. The board's tradition has been to hold at least four night meetings in the spring and summer months.

In remarks at the end of the organizational meeting, Elliott said that it has always struck him that the Berrien County Board has not traditionally been a partisan board unlike what is regularly seen in Washington, D.C. and Lansing.

"The first time I was sworn in was 40 years ago," Elliott said. "We all ran in partisan elections and the thing that struck me was that it wasn't a partisan board. When we receive a call from a constituent, no one says what their party is. They've called because they've needed help, it has nothing to do with party."

The county board isn't the only county organization to see changes in the new year. Judicial assignments have also been announced for 2025 after the retirement of Sterling Schrock and the election of Sherri Cochran Frame to that judgeship.

Court Administrator Carrie Smietanka-Haney reported that Judge Mabel Mayfield remains the chief judge with Judge Angela Pasula the chief judge pro tempore.

Berrien County has a unified court system with judges assigned to the criminal, civil and family divisions as well as specialty court programs.

South and central county residents will see a change in the presiding judge overseeing the Niles courthouse. Judge Jennifer Smith has completed a two year term in Niles and is returning to the St. Joseph courthouse. Judge Gordon Hosbein has been assigned to the Niles courthouse for the next two years.

Judge Arthur Cotter is the presiding judge of the criminal division with fellow judges Gary Bruce, Sherri Frame, Gordon Hosbein, Angela Pasula and Jennifer Smith in that division.

Judge Donna Howard is the presiding judge in the civil division where she is joined by Judge Charles LaSata. Judge Brian Berger is the presiding judge in the family division where he is joined by fellow judges Paul Jancha and Mabel Mayfield.

Judge Howard has also been assigned to the drug treatment and mental health treatment court programs, while Judges Bruce and Smith has been assigned to the Swift & Sure Sanctions Probation program.

WMU announces spring career fairs

COMMUNITY REPORT

KALAMAZOO — Western Michigan University's spring 2025 career fairs kick off Tuesday, Feb. 4, bringing together hundreds of employers poised to hire top talent for full-time, part-time, co-op and internship roles. These free events are open to the public but are tailored for college students and recent graduates ready to launch or level-up their careers.

Employers have posted jobs to the online career site Handshake. WMU's Career and Student Employment Services and the Zhang Career Center offer advising and resources year-round to help students prepare for interviews and refine their resumes. Students with questions regarding resumes, cover letters, activating their Handshake account or navigating any job search resources can work with well-trained student career ambassadors by visiting any of the four drop-in locations. Drop-in advice sessions typically take between 10 and 20 minutes.

- WMU Student Center, The Source on the second floor, Mondays through Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m.
- Floyd Hall, outside Parkview Café entrance: Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m.
- College of Aviation: Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

The biggest spring event is the annual Spring Career Fair in February, which focuses on those seeking employment in such areas as aviation, business, health care, integrated supply chain management, IT and liberal arts.

Registration is not required for students or other job seekers, but it is recommended for participants to register on Handshake.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Spring 2025 fairs

Sales, Marketing and Food Marketing Career Night

The event is on Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 5-8 p.m. at the Fetzer Center. It provides students the opportunity to network with employers recruiting for various marketing positions. For more information, email Jennifer Palmatier or call (269) 387-2729.

Spring Engineering Expo

The expo on Wednesday, Feb. 5, is from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in Floyd Hall attracts candidates majoring in engineering, technology, computer science and supply chain management fields. Find more information on Handshake or call (269) 387-2745.

Career Fair 2025

The fair on Thursday, Feb. 13, is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the WMU Fetzer Center. It is geared toward candidates from aviation, business, health care, integrated supply

chain management, information technology and liberal arts. Find more information on Handshake or call (269) 387-2745.

Government Agency, Criminal Justice and Social Service Job Fair

On Thursday, Feb. 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Sangren Hall, government agencies and entities and law enforcement will recruit candidates from all WMU colleges, majors and programs. Employers are hiring for various federal, state and local government positions, police officers, special agents, crime and forensic analysts, probation officers, victim advocates, psychologists and counselors.

Accounting and Finance Career Night

Participants will have the opportunity to network with employers recruiting for various finance positions at this event on March 18 from 5-8 p.m. in the Fetzer Center.

For more information, email Jennifer Palmatier or call (269) 387-2729.

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COMICS & PUZZLES

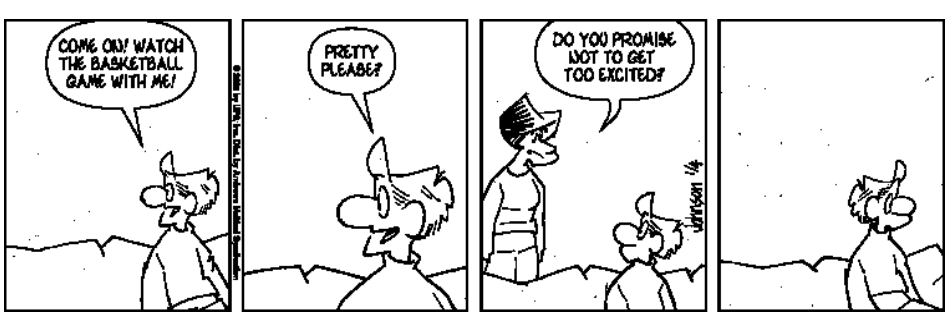
ADAM

YOU'VE GOTTA BE CAREFUL. THAT'S A TON OF SNOW OUT THERE.
JEEZ!
WE'RE BASICALLY SNOWED IN!!
SORT OF, YEAH.
KIND OF FUN, RIGHT?
IF IT COMES TO IT, CAN WE EAT CLAYTON FIRST?

ALLEY OOP

SO, THIS POCKET UNIVERSE HAS DRAGONS, AND WE LOOK LIKE FANTASY CHARACTERS. WHAT ELSE DO YOU KNOW?
NOT MUCH. POCKET UNIVERSES AREN'T WELL-STUDIED. ACCORDING TO MY RESEARCH, THEY CAN BE ANYTHING.
ONCE, I FOUND MYSELF IN ONE WHERE THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE WAS THE SIZE OF A LIVING ROOM.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A NIGHTMARE.
AT LEAST THE COUCH WAS COMFORTABLE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE 700 CATS THAT LIVED THERE HARDLY EVER LET ME SIT ON IT.

ARLO & JANIS



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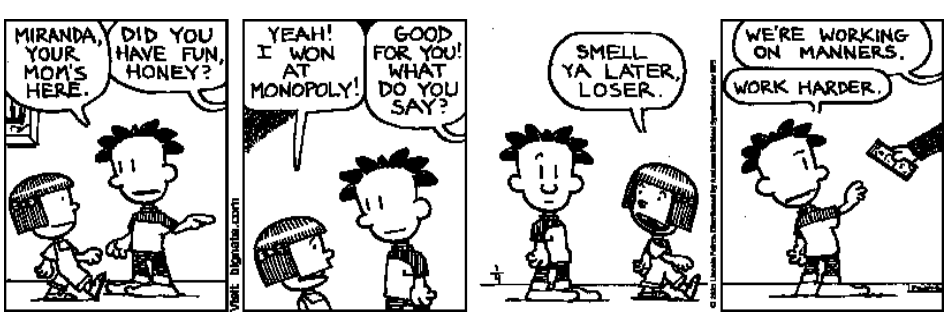
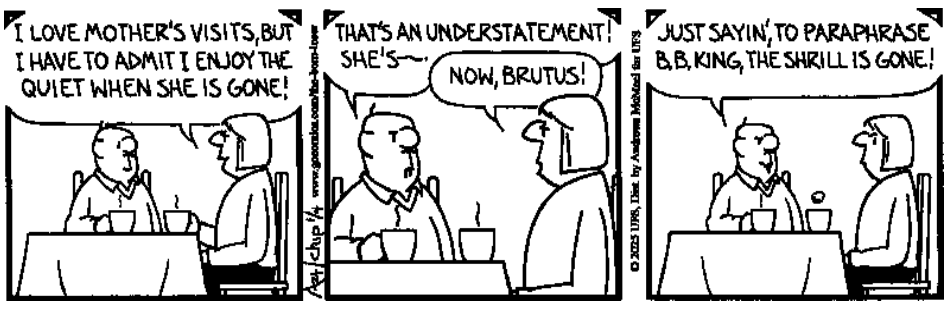
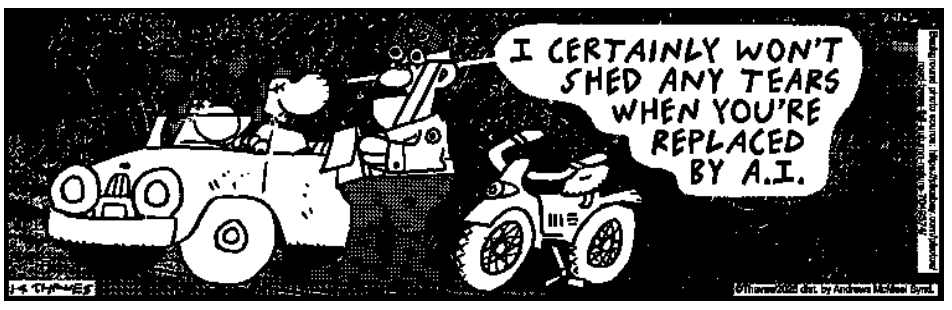

MIRANDA, YOUR MOM'S HERE.
DID YOU HAVE FUN, HONEY?
YEAH! I WON AT MONOPOLY!
GOOD FOR YOU! WHAT DO YOU SAY?
SMELL YA LATER, LOSER.
WE'RE WORKING ON MANNERS.
WORK HARDER.

BORN LOSER


I LOVE MOTHER'S VISITS, BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT I ENJOY THE QUIET WHEN SHE IS GONE!
THAT'S AN UNDERSTATEMENT! SHE'S—
NOW, BRUTUS!
JUST SAYIN', TO PARAPHRASE B.B. KING, THE SHRILL IS GONE!

FRANK & ERNEST



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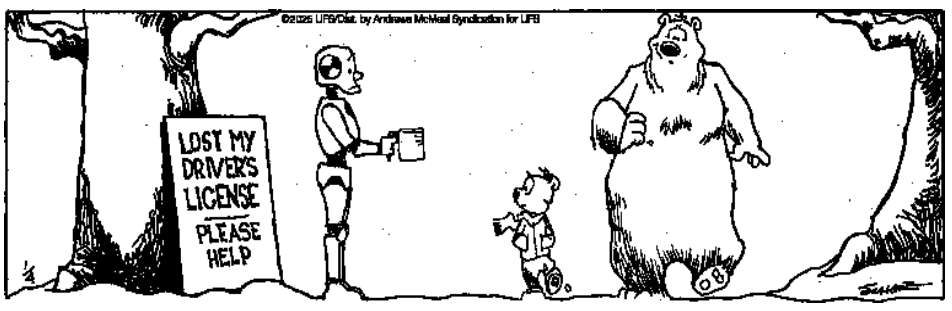

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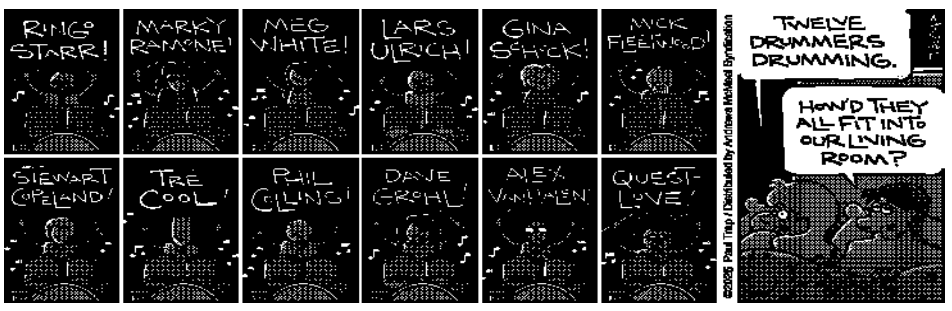

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REALITY CHECK

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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5 Plural letter
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13 Make lace
14 Cloak
15 Gets in touch
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18 Woodwind need
19 Giver
20 Short swim
22 Blushing
23 School's dining hall
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30 Penne — vodka
31 Pole
32 Gas or coal
33 Motown genre
34 Baby goat
35 Ordinances
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48 Gave in
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53 Eisenhower's nickname
54 Bay
55 Salty drop
56 Implore
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27 Hawaiian feast
28 Evergreen trees
29 Otherwise
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37 Mist
38 Taylor Swift song, "Lavender —"
39 Pled — of Hamelin
41 "Go away!"
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46 Jacob's son
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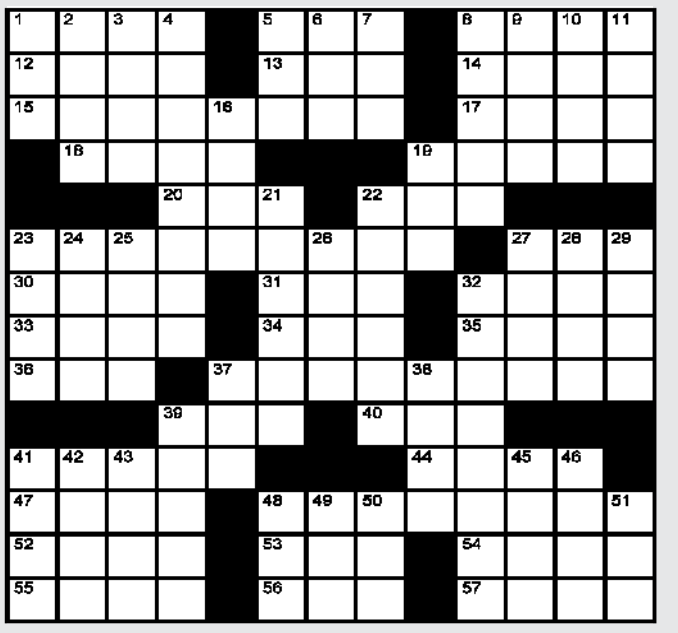

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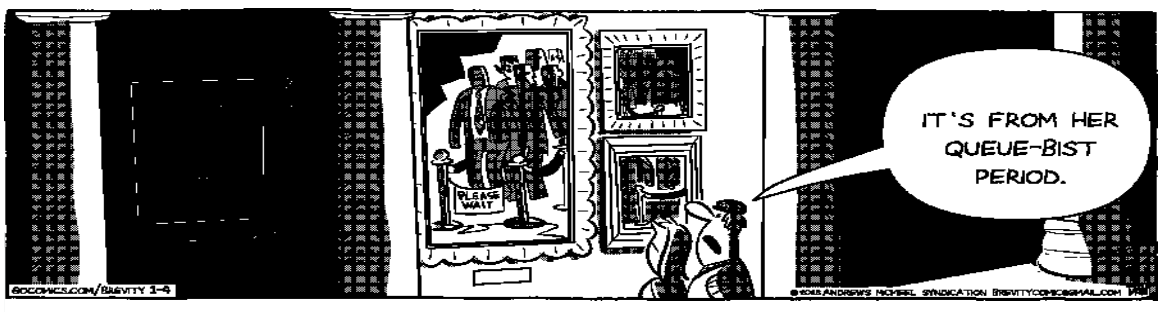

HEART OF THE CITY

I DON'T KNOW IF I'D BE ANY GOOD AT WRITING. I'M MORE OF A PERFORMER! I'M NOT A BEHIND-THE-SCENES GUY.
NO OFFENSE TO BEHIND-THE-SCENES GUYS, OF COURSE.
AS A BEHIND-THE-SCENES GUY, NONE TAKEN.

DEATH NOTICES

Teri Lee Cooper, 71, passed away on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, in Niles, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Kimberly Hess, 56, of Coloma, passed away on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at Corewell Health St. Joseph. Arrangements have been entrusted to Bowerman Funeral Home in Eau Claire, Michigan. www.BowermanFuneral.com.

Patricia L. Forrest, 75, of Cassopolis, died Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Arrangements are pending at Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis.

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth (Betty) Heimberger

Elizabeth Ruth "Betty" Heimberger, 87, of Tekonsha, Michigan formerly of Niles, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at her home. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Niles.

Arrangements are being cared for by Dutcher Funeral Home.

Betty was born October 8, 1937 in Ovid, Michigan to John and Clara (Nolte) Behrens. She married Leon Heimberger on June 24, 1960. He preceded her in death on May 27, 2019. They had three children: Darrell, Debbie and Diane. Betty earned her bachelor's degree in education and taught school until she was married. She spent many years as a dedicated wife, mother and homemaker while raising her children. Betty was very active and filled her time with a variety of jobs. She started her own business, worked at a daycare, a donut factory and cared for the elderly. She was also the secretary at the Co-op where she lived on Oak Street.

Betty was an active member of Hope Community Church in Niles for many years. She had a loving heart and a strong faith that she demonstrated in her life daily. She loved shopping, especially garage sales and thrift stores. She also loved to bake and was known for her pies and other sweets. She always kept busy - spending time with friends, helping others and just being a grandma to her grandchildren Alex, Andrew, Marie and Phillip.

Betty is survived by her children Darrell (Sunshine) Heimberger of Benton City, WA, Deborah (Dennis) Russell of Tekonsha, MI, Diane (Robert) Carey of Tekonsha; her sister Katherine Behrens of Ovid, MI; her grandson Alex (Christine) Heimberger of Greenville, MI; her great grandsons Asher and Thomas and her beloved dogs Charlie and Rosie.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Ernest Behrens, John Behrens, Erwin Behrens and her sister Marianne Mattox.

Memorials may be directed to--- www.dutcherfh.com.

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James Waldschmidt Jr.

October 17, 1980 - December 23, 2024

James Allen Waldschmidt Jr., 44, of Dowagiac, passed away at home on Monday, December 23, 2024. James was born on October 17, 1980, in Niles, MI. James, known as "Jimmy" by close family, will be remembered for his infectious laughter, big smile with dimples, bear hugs, and quick wit. James could take over a room with his laughter and smile. James was a 2000 graduate of Dowagiac Union High School, and in 2019 he proved to be "the brains of the family" when he graduated valedictorian with his IT certification. James spent the last several years in the Dallas-Fort Worth area of Texas. James loved to spend time with his large family and his "ride or die" dog, Gwen. He was an excellent conversationalist who was able to talk to anyone in any setting. As an avid reader, James was also known for his endless amounts of "useless" trivia knowledge. James was adored by kids, who seemed to be drawn to him as the "gentle giant" he was to everyone. He was lovingly called "cousin Jimmy" by the younger children in the family, many of whom will remember him well by his plentiful and contagious catch phrases. Throughout James' life, he continuously took care of and looked out for others. He was the number one supporter of every family member's fundraisers, sporting events, business ventures, or other endeavors. He loved deeply and fully; and took time to really get to know the people in his life. His various hobbies and interests included computers, gaming, reading, trying new foods, and giving people a hard time. James looked forward to Tuesdays when he was often found playing cards with his grandfather. After many years of battling health conditions, James' health continued to decline and he wanted to move back home to Michigan to spend time with his extended family. After his father's birthday celebration, James made the move in September 2024. Despite the move and subsequent distance, James was very excited for the birth of his first nephew, and already had plans for a return road trip to Texas to meet him. James is survived, dearly loved, and greatly missed by his father, James Sr.; his mother, Diann; his sister, Mandy Waldschmidt (Luke Samples) all of Hurst, TX; his grandfather, Robert "Bob" Hayes; along with numerous aunts, uncles, and too many cousins to count, even though he knew and loved every one of them. James was preceded in death by his grandparents, Benjamin and Thelma Waldschmidt; and Judy Hayes. Funeral services have already taken place - arrangements entrusted to Clark Chapel, Dowagiac, 269-782-2135. Online condolences can be given at www.clarkch.com. In keeping with James's endless generosity, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Southwest Michigan, www.humanesocietyswm.org or to A.C.T.I.O.N Ministries, www.actiondowagiac.org.

Doug Boyd

July 22, 1945 - December 23, 2024

Douglas Alan Boyd, age 79 years of Niles, Michigan; husband, uncle, Godfather, friend, electrician, honorable veteran, and avid traveler, died peacefully Monday evening, December 23, 2024 with his wife at his side at North Woods Village in Mishawaka, Indiana following an extended illness. His family is grateful for the kind and compassionate care provided by the staff at North Woods - especially Eli and Michelle - and the staff of Heart-to-Heart Hospice.

He was born on July 22, 1945 in South Bend, Indiana to Lowell D. and Micleta (Raderstorf) Boyd, and was raised in Niles, attending Saint Mary Catholic School. Lowell owned and operated Boyd Electric Service, and contracted commercial projects for area school districts during the summer break, and allowed them to travel to warmer climates in the winter. Doug made friends in these southern communities, and was able to tour Disneyland Park in Anaheim, California before it opened, and one of those friends was a son of professional jockey Billy Shoemaker. He was graduated from Niles High School, and earned an associate's degree from the Howard W. Sams Technical Institute in Indianapolis (now ITT Educational Services), but he soon enlisted into the United States Army. He served in the 3rd Battalion Transportation Brigade, specializing in amphibious vehicles, was honorably discharged, and completed his obligation in the Reserves.

Doug returned to Niles, and returned to Boyd Electric, serving with his father until purchasing the business. He continued to specialize in educational facilities, including the first buildings at Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac; eventually changing focus to commercial and industrial installations before closing the business in 2003. He assisted his wife, Michele at her business, Signal Travel, escorting tours across the United States and around the world. Even when away from work, he enjoyed traveling by motorcycle - especially the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina, and the White Mountains of New Hampshire - and by snowmobile in the Upper Peninsula. He owned a series of boats on Lake Michigan with electrical names such as "Kon-Fused" and "Circuit Breaker", and he enjoyed fishing and hunting upland game in the far-north Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan's UP.

He had a great sense of humor, a quick wit, and enjoyed playing jokes on those around him. Even after declining health reduced his activities, friends came around weekly to play cards - although no longer smoking cigars - and became such a fixture at North Woods that the staff had a game table ready for "The Boys" which included George Wehrle and Paul Taylor.

On August 13, 1966 at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Niles he married the former Michele Lynn Zellers with whom he celebrated the remarkable Fifty-eighth Anniversary of their marriage, many of those years spent traveling together, even as recently as 2017 when they toured Europe by riverboat.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and by a brother, Jack Boyd, a sister, Betty Boyd Wittenkeller, and a nephew, David Boyd.

Surviving family includes his wife, Michele Boyd; a niece, Ann Wittenkeller, and nephews, Steve Wittenkeller, Rob Wittenkeller, Daniel Boyd, Joseph Boyd, and George Boyd; several great and great-great nieces and nephews; Michele and Doug's God-daughter, Madison C. Bowers; their special friend, Erin Marie Butler; Michele's mother, Betty Zellers; and a great circle of wonderful friends.

The family of Doug Boyd will receive relatives and friends to share memories and celebrate his life on Sunday, January 12, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Orchard Hills Country Club, 2841 Niles-Buchanan Road, Buchanan, Michigan. Committal Rites will be private on December 30, 2024 at the Pine Lake Cemetery in La Porte, Indiana, and will conclude with the Veteran's Flag Presentation and "Taps" by the United States Army Honor Guard.

Contributions in memory of Doug Boyd my be made to two colleges for which he was proud to provide electrical installations: Southwestern Michigan College, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047, https://www.swmich.edu/; or Lake Michigan College, 2755 East Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, https://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/. Doug believed strongly that travel elevates people to the better good, and to honor this interest, contributions may be made to Travel Elevates, a non-profit foundation at 390 North Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 3200, El Segundo, California 90245, https://www.travelelevates.org/. Arrangements were completed at the Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, 615 East Main Street in Niles. Memories and condolences may be left at: www.halbritterwickens.com

Doug and Michele shared a wedding anniversary card with a sentiment that bears tribute to his life, including: "It's been an amazing journey to this place where we are. We started out with . . . hopes and dreams. Along the way we met our share of obstacles, but with love as our guide, we've always enjoyed the adventure. And now, here we are, so many miles and memories later . . . deeper in love, and stronger for the journey."

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Weinberg named new member of American Angus Association

COMMUNITY REPORT

BUCHANAN — Coy Weinberg, of Buchanan, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with more than 21,000 active adult and junior members. Visit NJAA.info for more information about the National Junior Angus Association.

AG Nessel Reminds Consumers to Check Return Policies Before Heading to the Store

COMMUNITY REPORT

LANSING — As consumers look to return holiday gifts and other merchandise, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel is reissuing her consumer alert on Avoiding Unhappy Returns to help consumers avoid surprises by taking a little extra time to understand the store's return policies.

"Return policies vary greatly from store to store, but almost all impose a time limit on returns," Nessel said. "If you know you will return an item you received this holiday season, don't wait, and review the store's return policy before making the trip."

The best way to avoid an unhappy return is to know the store's return policy before making a purchase. Look for a posted return policy at the cash register or in the customer service area. You can also ask a store clerk.

Online shoppers should examine a store's website to determine whether returns are allowed. If the online store allows returns, you should search the store's website for information on how to return items. If the information is not posted on the store's website, you should be cautious about purchases. If you decide to proceed, you should first contact the store. Ask for the return policy in writing. Be sure to print and retain the return information (along with all receipts, packing slips, and other documentation).

If your return has been refused by a store clerk, ask to speak with the store manager. If the store refuses the return of items that are defective or not as represented, you have a legitimate complaint. You can also complain if you discover that the store is not honoring its return policy. If you paid by credit card, you may wish to contact your credit card company and dispute the charges.

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FAIRS

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Nonprofit Organization Event

This event on Wednesday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the WMU Student Center brings nonprofit organizations to campus that are recruiting candidates for internship, part-time and full-time positions in areas such as community outreach, campaign coordinators, donor relations, fundraising, grant writing, marketing or other related areas.

Camp Networking Event

This event on Thursday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the WMU Student Center is specifically for various types of camps that are recruiting for internship, part-time and full-time positions for camp advisors, counselors, program instructors, food associates, fundraising or other related positions. This event is for any type of camp that would be hiring for job opportunities, including summer and youth camps.

Social Work Job Fair

This specialty job fair on Tuesday, March 18, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. in the College of Health and Human Services is for employers who seek to hire students for internships and full-time opportunities in the field of social work. Find more information

Aviation Outlook Day

Students can connect with aviation organizations and professionals, discuss career options and learn about industry needs on Friday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University's Aviation Education Center in Battle Creek, Michigan. Contact Tom Thinnes with questions.

CAVE

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Goshen.

Cave, whose office is at Las Vegas High School, is licensed in Nevada, and in Indiana until Jan. 1, 2025.

"Forty-nine out of the 50 states require state licensure to practice as an athletic trainer," Cave said. "California hasn't quite gotten on the wagon yet."

The other credentials behind Cave's name, LAT and ATC, represent Licensed Athletic Trainer and Certified Athletic Trainer.

"I chose SMC after several failed attempts at college right after graduating (Elkhart Memorial High School) in 2009," Cave said. "I don't know what it was exactly, but when I came out to the school for a tour, I felt that it was going to be a good fit for me. I tried several schools prior to landing at SMC."

Cave had a similar experience seeking his bachelor's degree at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

"I went down there, spoke with the athletic training program director and took a tour. I felt the same things I did about SMC. It just felt right."

Cave played soccer and basketball as a high school athlete. Frequent injuries exposed him to athletic training.

"I spent a lot of time with my high school athletic trainer with my array of injuries. I knew I wanted to help people, but I wasn't sure which route to go," he said. "Now, I get to take care of people and watch sports as a career! How crazy is that?"

"My favorite part of the job," Cave said, "is getting to know the athletes under my care. I get to support them through some of their toughest times and watch their triumphs after they return after an injury."

He describes what an athletic trainer is this way:

"Athletic trainers are the most versatile medical professionals out there. We are capable of diagnosing, treating and rehabilitating orthopedic injuries and conditions. You'll find us in the traditional athletics settings (high school, college, professional), but what a lot of people don't know is that you'll find us in the industrial, performing arts, clinical, surgical, military and public safety settings. We work closely with orthopedic physicians and physical and occupational therapists.

"What we're capable of is often overshadowed by our title. We get confused for personal trainers or strength and conditioning coaches all the time. Those of us who stay in this profession forever are people who are passionate about making a difference in our patients' lives and continuously fighting to make our profession better for the next generations."

As for what a typical day is like, "No two days are the same," Cave said. "Depending on what's going on, I could be running around like a chicken with my head cut off or I might actually have time to sit and finish my paperwork in one sitting for a change. I spend most of my time between games and practices doing paperwork or setting up for the next thing."

"I do like working with high school athletes," he said. "Yes, there are always going to be those kids who drive you crazy, but for the most part getting to watch these kids grow into adults is pretty fantastic."

Cave said "there's a lot to do over the summer. With this new job, I could be working alongside my PT counterparts, covering summer workouts at the school and even covering special events and tournaments going on in and around the city."

"I discovered who I was at SMC," Cave reflects. "I met great people whom I wish I was still as close with. I think my favorite memories surround helping backstage on SMC's productions of 'Into the Woods' and 'Oklahoma.' "

OBITUARIES

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Margaret Hutchings

June 19, 1931 - December 26, 2024

Margaret P. Hutchings, 93, of Dowagiac, passed away Thursday morning, December 26, 2024, at Miller's Assisted Living in Dowagiac.

She was born on June 19, 1931, in Gobles, MI, the eldest of ten children to Hershel and Hazel (Smith) Lawrence. Margaret grew up in Decatur, MI and attended Decatur High School. She worked as a waitress in Decatur and for her step-father at McBride's Restaurant in Dowagiac. On October 6, 1950, she was united in marriage to Eugene Hutchings in Decatur. Together they ran Hutchings Adult Foster Care Home on M-62 West in Dowagiac for several years. Margaret was also employed as a Nursing Assistant at Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac, including the maternity ward, for almost 30 years.

Surviving are her four children - David (Lynda) Hutchings of Galien, Dale (Pamela) Hutchings of Irons, Debra (Duane) Stover of Dowagiac, and Darrell "Rich" (Pamela) Hutchings of Niles; daughter-in-law - Carol Hutchings of Dowagiac; nine grandchildren; 1 step-grandchild; several great-grandchildren; many great-great-grandchildren; five siblings - Lois Renne, Mabel "Arlene" (Frank Daisy) Becker, Joyce (Thomas) Marsh, Duane "Keith" (Shirley) Lawrence, and Judy (Michael) Van Ek.

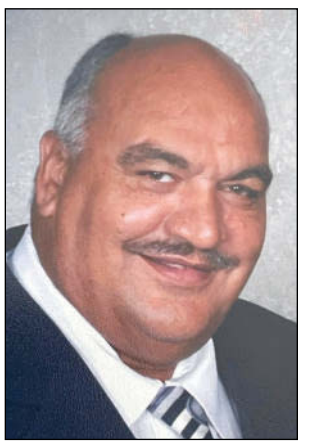
Preceding her in death were her husband of 60 years - Eugene Hutchings; father - Hershel Lawrence; mother and step-father - Hazel and Walter McBride; eldest son, Duwane Hutchings; daughter-in-law - Susan Hutchings; grandson - Trent Hutchings; step-grandson - Scott Coplen; great-grandson - Brenden Hutchings-Cosey; and four siblings - Kenneth Lawrence, Richard Lawrence, Kermit Lawrence, and Beverly Wilds; and step-brother - Max McBride.

Honoring Margaret's wishes, cremation has taken place and her family will remember her privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Margaret's name may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of one's choice.

Margaret's family would like to thank Miller's Assisted Living for the loving and thoughtful care they provided her over the past four years.

Arrangements were entrusted to Clark Chapel - Starks Family Funeral Homes, 405 Center St, Dowagiac. Please visit Margaret's personalized webpage to share a memory or leave a condolence to her family at www.clarkch.com.



Bruce Bryant Steele

September 20, 1949 - December 18, 2024

The heavenly gates opened on December 18, 2024, to welcome our beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He was born on September 20, 1949. Bruce was married to Verdelle Butts Steele who preceded him in death on December 18, 2018. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 1:00pm at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 469 Mt. Olive Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281. Our love for Bruce will live in our memories forever. He will be greatly missed!

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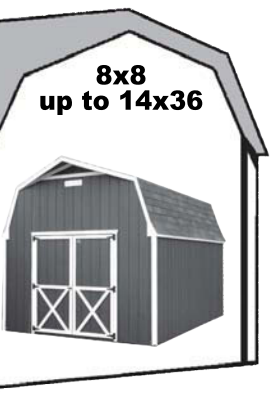

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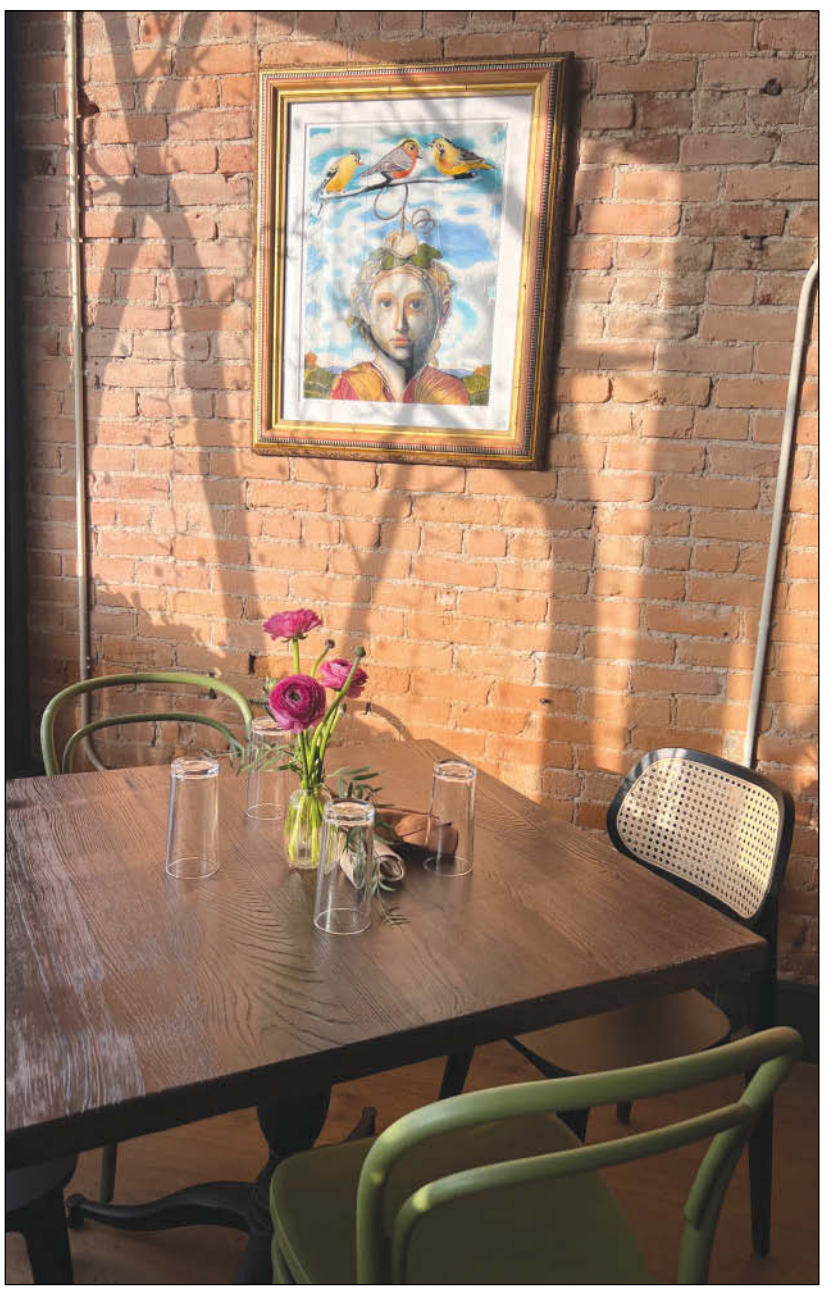

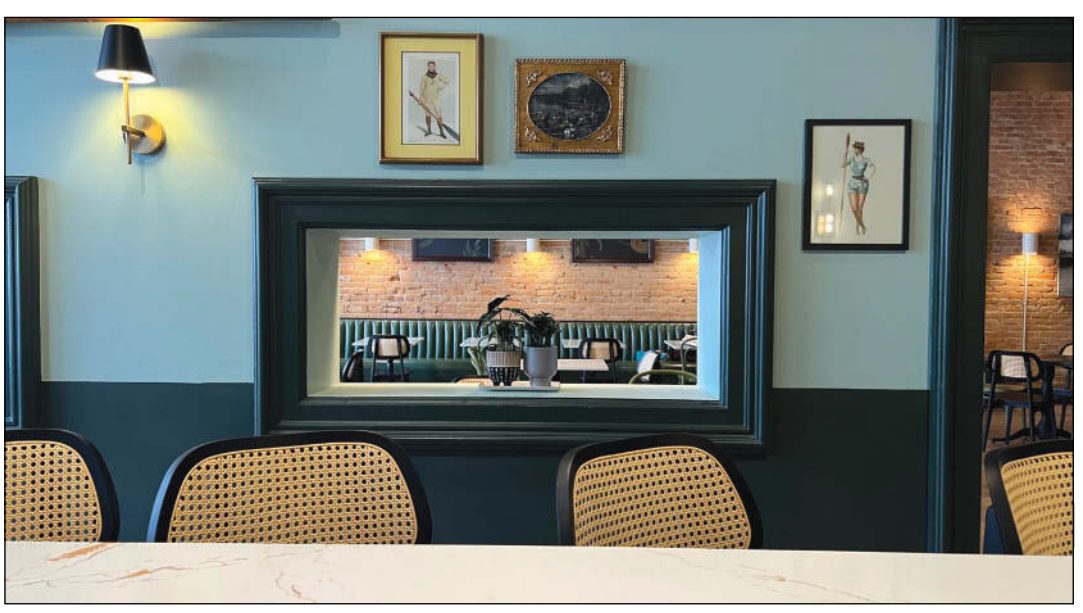

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REDDEN

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the Redden block, a historic multi-use building erected in the 19th century and located in the heart of downtown, in which Thistledown & Row now resides. The interior of the restaurant space pays homage to the history and character of the building through nods to architectural details, fanciful art, and tributes to the St. Joseph River that runs through Buchanan.

Thistledown & Row will operate five days a week, open Wednesday through Saturday for dinner service with additional Lunch hours Friday through Sunday. The menu is a mix of modern and classic favorites, utilizing local, in-season ingredients from Buchanan Craft LLC. 's sister company, Flatwater Farms, an organic farm located in the Buchanan and Niles Townships. Organic craft ciders and meads brewed using Michigan apples and honey as well as other locally-sourced ingredients will be served on draft alongside Michigan wines and hand-crafted non-alcoholic beverages. A to-go window at the front of the establishment will be used to serve grab-and-go meals and drinks during downtown events and throughout the annual Buchanan Common Concert Series. For more information and to see Thistledown & Row's full menu go online to www.thistledownandrow.com.

Thistledown & Row is the second project by local restaurant group Buchanan Craft LLC., whose first venture, River Saint Joe Brewery, is located in Buchanan Township on Flatwater Farms. Buchanan Craft LLC. aims to create dining experiences that are tied to the land through local flavors and ingredients, and through thoughtful stewardship and sustainable practices.

CARTER

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of new global alliances and championing human rights, policies built upon the "new reality of a politically awakening world." He also spoke about his desire to decrease tensions with the Soviet Union, work for Middle East peace and reduce the danger of nuclear war.

During his one-term presidency, Carter appointed Father Hesburgh to head a delegation of Americans to a United Nations conference on science and technology for development, held in Vienna in 1977, and as chair of the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy. Father Hesburgh also joined Rosalynn Carter on a fact-finding mission to Southeast Asia that led to a plan that averted mass starvation among Cambodian refugees.

The Carters returned to Notre Dame in 1992 as the inaugural recipients of the Notre Dame Award, which recognizes men and women of any faith or nationality whose life and deeds have shown exemplary dedication to the ideals for which the University stands: faith, inquiry, education, justice, public service, peace and care for the most vulnerable.

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> **— President Jimmy Carter**

At a memorial tribute to Father Hesburgh after his death at age 97 on Feb. 26, 2015, the Carters joined with other dignitaries in honoring the Holy Cross priest who led Notre Dame from 1952 to 1987. Among several anecdotes, Carter recalled how he made the "mistake" in 1979 of asking Father Hesburgh if there was anything he could do for him. Father Hesburgh told Carter he wanted a ride on an SR-71 supersonic reconnaissance jet, known as the Blackbird.

"I said, 'Father Hesburgh, it's not customary for civilians to ride on top-secret aircraft,'" Carter recalled with a smile. "He said, 'That's all right. I thought you were commander in chief.'"

With that, Carter stood by his word and arranged for the flight. As he recalled at the tribute: "I sent word to a pilot of an SR-71 that he would be having his first civilian passenger who was a special friend of mine. And, I asked him how fast the Blackbird had ever flown. He said 2,193 mph. It was the fastest plane on earth. I said I would be very pleased if he could go a little faster than that when he took up Father Hesburgh. And, on the last day of February 1979, Father Ted went up in an SR-71 Blackbird airplane and he and the pilot went 2,200 mph, which set a new world record."

Carter last visited the University in 2018 when he and Rosalynn worked alongside Notre Dame and other community volunteers on 38 Habitat for Humanity homes.

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JAIL

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trol on US-12 and observed a vehicle driving at an excessive speed. The deputy attempted to initiate a traffic stop but the suspect vehicle then fled from the attempted traffic stop and the deputy gave chase engaging in a brief vehicular pursuit.

The pursuit ended when Chestnut's vehicle lost control attempting to negotiate a curve and crashed into Saylor's Pizza in the 300 block of Lincoln Ave. in the City of Niles. He sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was taken into custody without incident at the scene of the crash. The crash ignited a fire and caused significant structural damage to Saylor's.

Defense attorney Carri Briseno noted that Chestnut has no prior criminal record and asked for probation and credit for time served. "There is a significant amount of restitution in this case, I do know the building and vehicle were destroyed," she said.

"He has had time to think about his life and get serious about his life," she added. "He wants to get out and he is committed to paying the restitution."

Chestnut said he had learned his lesson and was sorry for the actions he took. He said he fled police initially because he was scared and had no license.

"You made that choice and additional choices when the police officer came up behind you," Berrien County Trial Court Judge Jennifer Smith said. "You are so lucky that no one was killed when you crashed and there was a fire."

"You need to change the way you're living your life," she added. "It's time to grow up and get a job. Everything you were doing on this day was wrong. You were driving 140 or 150 miles per hour and put others including officers at risk. This isn't a good start to the rest of your life."

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BASKETBALL

SMC women rout Henry Ford College 69-23

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — After road losses at Owens and Jackson, SMC Women's Basketball kept their home record perfect with a 69-23 victory over Henry Ford last Saturday.

Morganne Postelle led the Roadrunners with 18 points and Rayvan Rush had 12 points while Shiyah Forte and Olivia Robinson had 11 and 10 points respectively.

The Roadrunners head into the MCCAA Western Conference season at 11-4 overall, looking to defend their Great Lakes District championship. The conference gauntlet begins on Saturday, January 11 at Marian Ancilla, with the first home contest on Saturday, January 18 versus the Grand Rapids Raiders. With the addition of teams at Montcalm Community College, Grand Rapids moves from the Northern Conference into the West beginning this year, meaning SMC will play seven teams twice each, both home and away, rather than the six foes they have faced the last two years.

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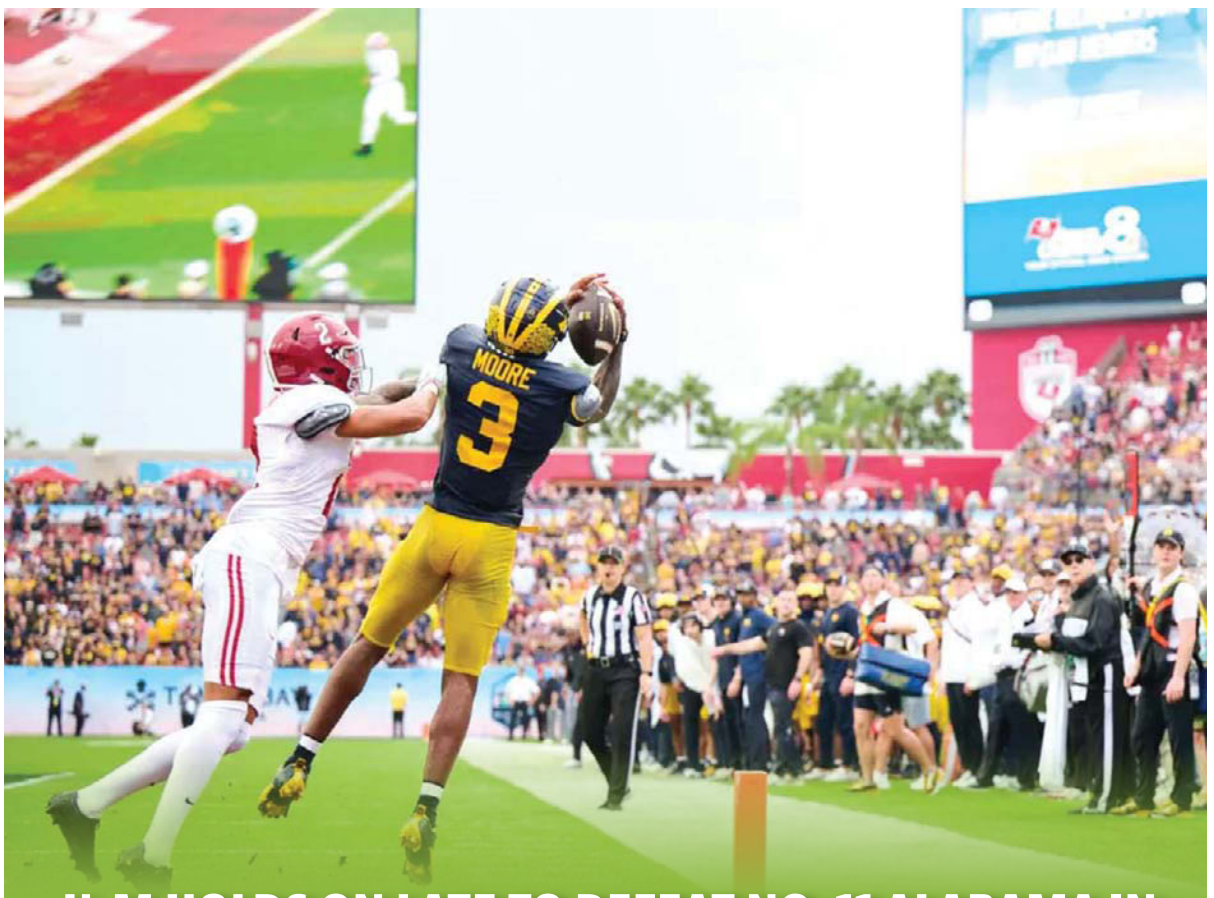

U-M HOLDS ON LATE TO DEFEAT NO. 11 ALABAMA IN RELIAQUEST BOWL

COMMUNITY REPORT

TAMPA, Fla. — The University of Michigan football team wrapped up its 2024 season with a 19-13 victory over No. 11-ranked Alabama in the ReliaQuest Bowl on Tuesday at Raymond James Stadium.

The Wolverines put together a valiant defensive performance to hold on in dramatic fashion for a second straight season in a bowl game against the Crimson Tide.

Down six with 2:18 remaining, Alabama marched downfield, working into the red zone for only the third time in the contest. U-M held, pressuring Crimson Tide quarterback Jalen Milroe and forcing a turnover on downs to secure the season-closing victory.

Michigan forced a season-high three turnovers in the first quarter, an opening frame in which the Wolverines held Alabama to -2 total yards and opened to a 16-0 lead. Despite being outscored over the remainder of the contest, the Maize and Blue defense helped it hold on, shutting out the Crimson Tide in the second half and allowing only 97 total yards.

Jordan Marshall led the team offensively in the contest, rushing the ball 23 times for a career-high 100 yards, while Fredrick Moore posted three catches (two first downs, one touchdown) totaling 37 yards. Key to the victory was Michigan's control of the clock, possessing the ball 16 minutes more than Alabama.

The Wolverines opened quickly, forcing two fumbles, one interception and a turnover on downs within the game's first 13 minutes. These led to short-field opportunities and an early 16-0 U-M lead.

Derrick Moore's fourth-down sack on Alabama's first drive forced a turnover on downs and a 45-yard Dominic Zvada field goal to open the game. On the first play following the kickoff, Moore came up with a recovery on a fumbled Alabama snap. This set up the Wolverines at the Crimson Tide's 19-yard line, before marking off three straight rushes in the game's early pouring rain and a 30-yard Zvada field goal.

With Alabama back in possession offensively, Wesley Walker intercepted his first pass as a Wolverine along the Crimson Tide sideline and returned it to the 16-yard line to set up the U-M offense with another red-zone opportunity. This time, the Wolverines capitalized with six points as Warren connected with Moore for a 13-yard touchdown and Zvada added the extra point to increase the U-M lead to 13-0.

The early defensive onslaught continued as Aamir Hall forced a sack-fumble on the next Alabama possession, recovered by Cameron Brandt and returned five yards to the Crimson Tide 11-yard line. Zvada converted on his third field goal of the first quarter (21 yards) to move the Wolverines ahead 16-0 with 2:04 remaining in the first quarter.

The second quarter saw Michigan possess the ball for 9:34, but the defense allowed

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MHSAA Representative Council elects new president at fall meeting

COMMUNITY REPORT

LANSING — The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association received reports on the upcoming sponsorship of two recently-added sports, provided support for a study group to discuss the number of postseason divisions for several more sports, and elected a new president for the first time in a decade during its Fall Meeting on Dec. 6 in East Lansing.

Generally, the Council takes only a few actions during its Fall Meeting, with topics often introduced for additional consideration and action during its meetings in March and May. The Council took only one action at this meeting but began conversations on several topics that will be continued throughout the remainder of this school year.

The lone action regarded baseball and a previously-approved requirement for teams to submit their pitch counts online beginning with the Spring 2025 season. The Council approved a one-year delay in that requirement to allow more time for technology development and implementation.

The Council received reports on two sports set to begin with MHSAA sponsorship with the 2025-26 school year – girls field hockey and boys volleyball. The first Girls Field Hockey Committee has met and will be sending several proposals to the Council

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BASKETBALL

SMC men's team beats Jackson 78-63

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — After losing a tough game in overtime at Owens, SMC Men's Basketball defeated Jackson on the road 78-63, with sophomore guard Rodell Davis, Jr. scoring 27, going 9-of-12 overall from the field and 8-of-10 from three-point range.

The Roadrunners head into the MCCAA Western Conference season at 11-4 overall, looking to get back to the Great Lakes District tournament. The conference track begins on Saturday, January 11 at Marian Ancilla, with the first home contest on Saturday, January 18 versus the Grand Rapids Raiders. With the addition of teams at Montcalm Community College, Grand Rapids moves from the Northern Conference into the West beginning this year, meaning SMC will play seven teams twice each, both home and away, rather than the six foes they have faced the last two years.

Freeman wins Dodd Trophy for Coach of the Year

COMMUNITY REPORT

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Leading Notre Dame to a remarkable 12-1 season and a College Football Playoff appearance, Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Marcus Freeman was named the winner of the Dodd Trophy.

The Dodd Trophy was established in 1976 to honor the FBS football coach whose program represents three pillars of success: Scholarship, Leadership and Integrity.

Freeman is the second Notre Dame coach to win the Dodd Trophy (Brian Kelly, 2018).

Freeman, also a finalist for the George Munger Coach of the Year Award and the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award, is in his third season at Notre Dame and has led the Irish to an 12-1 record in 2024, including a First-Round playoff win over Indiana, with a No. 3 ranking in the Associated Press and Coaches Polls, and the No. 7 seed in the 2024 College Football Playoff.

The Irish faced No. 2 Georgia in the Allstate Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1, 2025.

Freeman has led Notre Dame to five victories over opponents ranked in the AP Poll at the time of the game this season: No. 20 Texas A&M, No. 15 Louisville, No. 24 Navy, No. 18 Army and No. 9 Indiana. The CFP victory over Indiana was the 12th ranked win of the Freeman era at Notre Dame, more than any other Irish head coach in the first three years of his tenure.

Through the regular season and the first round of the playoffs, Notre Dame ranks among the top teams in the nation in multiple statistical categories, including: first in team passing efficiency defense (96.94), first in turnovers gained (29), first in defensive touchdowns (6), third in scoring defense (13.8), third in turnover margin (1.23), fourth in scoring offense (38.8), fourth in passing yards allowed (162.3), fourth in interceptions (18), fifth in fourth-down success rate (0.760), seventh in third down defense (0.308), seventh in fourth down defense (0.361), eighth in total defense (295.3), ninth in fumbles recovered (11), ninth in red zone defense (0.727), 10th in passes had intercepted (6) and 11th in rushing offense (222.4).

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Miles notches second USBWA Weekly honor this season

COMMUNITY REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS — Add another bullet point to the list.

Notre Dame point guard Olivia Miles is one of five USBWA National Players of the Week after earning ACC Player of the Week honors on Monday. It is the second time this year she has been named to the weekly team.

On Sunday, Miles posted 11 points, 10 rebounds and 14 assists in a 95-54 rout of Virginia. The latter mark ties a career high. In doing so, Miles achieved her third triple-double of the season and sixth of her career. Miles is now tied with Maryland great Alyssa Thomas for most career triple-doubles in ACC history, and she is the first ever ACC player to notch back-to-back triple-doubles. Miles had 18 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists against Loyola Maryland on Dec. 22.

Additionally, Miles joins Jackie Young as the only Notre Dame player to post a triple-double in ACC play. Young also did it against Virginia.

But the triple-double accolades weren't the only lines added to the All-American's resume last weekend. When Miles grabbed rebound No. 9 on Sunday, she reached 500 in her career. She is now one of just three players in Notre Dame women's basketball history to have 1000 points, 500 rebounds and 500 assists, joining Skylar Diggins and Lindsay Allen.

On the season, Miles is leading the ACC with 7.2 assists per game. She is also the NCAA's active leader in career assists per game at 6.8.

No. 3 Notre Dame heads back on the road this weekend after playing in Purcell Pavilion in five of its last six games. No. 17 North Carolina will host the Irish for an ESPN game at 1 p.m.

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for action during its March meeting in preparation for the Fall 2025 season. The Volleyball Committee will meet soon with potential proposals for boys volleyball coming before the Council in March or May.

MHSAA staff led a discussion regarding the number of postseason divisions for baseball, basketball, Lower Peninsula cross country, softball, Lower Peninsula track & field and volleyball, which are all sponsored by at least 550 schools. The conversation included data from a 2023 Update Meeting poll question that addressed the topic and discussions that took place during MHSAA sport committee meetings during the 2023-24 school year. The Council discussed if adding fifth divisions to those sports is necessary or desirable and gave support for MHSAA staff to form a study group on the topic and provide a report to the Council during its May 2025 meeting.

Council members discussed social media issues that had arisen in the school sports community over the last several months, and how member schools should address these situations and the role the MHSAA should play in communicating with all schools involved in specific instances.

The Council also received updates from the MHSAA's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and discussed several matters related to recently completed fall tournaments, broadcast partnerships, MHSAA Athletic Director Update Meeting and In-Service Programs and other administrative topics.

The Fall Meeting also saw elections of Council officers for the upcoming year. Midland assistant principal and athletic director Eric Albright was elected president, as retired Grand Haven Superintendent Scott Grimes completed his tenure on the Council and 10th and final term as president. Brighton High School athletic director John Thompson was reelected as Council vice president, and Vic Michaels, director of physical education and athletics for the Archdiocese of Detroit, was reelected as secretary-treasurer.

Additionally, Westland John Glenn athletic director Jason Malloy was appointed for a second two-year term on the Council. Monica Merritt, superintendent for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, was appointed for a first two-year term.

The Representative Council is the legislative body of the MHSAA. All but five members are elected by member schools. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities, and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,500 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract more than 1.4 million spectators each year.

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MSU's Dantonio enters Rose Bowl Hall of Fame

COMMUNITY REPORT

EAST LANSING — Mark Dantonio, the winningest coach in Michigan State history, rung in the New Year in Pasadena as he was officially inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame during a ceremony hosted by the Tournament of Roses on New Year's Eve. Dantonio then took part in the 136th Rose Parade on New Year's Day and was also recognized on the field during the Rose Bowl Game.

"You start playing football, you start watching games on TV, and you're going to see the Rose Bowl," said Dantonio. "You're going to figure out that it's pretty iconic and it represents so many different people. It's such a big moment I think in people's lives, to get here and play in it, and to be here and watching it. It's a celebration.

"So many people are involved in these things, top to bottom, all the different players, all the different coaches and staff, administration – there's a lot that goes into it. I'm just honored and very humbled by the whole thing."

Dantonio is now the third Spartan in the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame, joining All-America running back Lorenzo White, who led MSU to a win in the 1988 Rose Bowl over USC, and Dave Kaiser, who kicked a game-winning 41-yard field goal in the final seconds of the 1956 Rose Bowl over UCLA.

Dantonio and the Spartans won the 100th Rose Bowl Game on Jan. 1, 2014, with a 24-20 win over No. 5 Stanford. Michigan State won a school-record 13 games, finished No. 3 in the national polls, and claimed the school's eighth Big Ten Championship during the 2013 season that culminated with the victory over the Cardinal in Pasadena.

DAILY DATA

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

BUCHANAN 50, HARTFORD 42

Dec. 27 at Hartford

BUCHANAN (50): Tyler Frame 13, Preston Payne 6, Liam McBeth 1, Karmine Brown 7, Jake Franklin 11, Logan Wiggins 5, Will Carson 0, Owen Thompson 5, Ari Johnson 2. Totals 18 11-20 50.
HARTFORD (42): Austin Reyna 6, Jeffery Littlefield 3, Brody Johnson 15, Alex Johnson 5, Mason Mirales 13. Totals 11 15-19 42.
Buchanan 14 25 34 50
Hartford 11 26 35 42
3-point baskets: Buchanan 3 (Payne 1, Brown 1, Franklin 1), Hartford 5 (Mirales 2, Littlefield 1, B. Johnson 1, A. Johnson 1). Total fouls (fouled out): Buchanan 21, Hartford 20 (Reyna). Records: Buchanan 5-3, Hartford 6-1

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two scores including a 25-yard passing touchdown and a 24-yard field goal stemming from a 90-yard drive within the final minute of the first half to close the U-M lead to 16-10.

Following a back-and-forth scoreless third quarter, the Wolverines forced a turnover on downs on a Brandyn Hillman pass breakup in the fourth. U-M marched nine plays for 47 yards, leading to Zvada's fourth field goal (37 yards) to take a nine-point lead, 19-10, with 7:21 remaining in the contest.

Alabama narrowed its deficit to six points with a field goal with 4:38 remaining in the game. The Crimson Tide came up short on their final drive, as the Wolverines managed a stop in the red zone on fourth down to secure the 19-13 victory.

Michigan closed the season with three straight victories, including two against ranked opponents (Ohio State, Alabama) to finish the 2024 campaign with an 8-5 record.

Governor Whitmer Makes Appointments to Boards and Commissions

COMMUNITY REPORT

LANSING — Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently announced appointments to the Human Trafficking Commission, Michigan Veterans' Facility Authority Board of Directors, and Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council.

Human Trafficking Commission

Dr. Jennifer Shih, of Northville, is a board-certified family physician at Trinity Health. She holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Michigan and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Jennifer Shih is appointed as a nominee of the Speaker of the House for a term commencing December 23, 2024, and expiring March 1, 2025. Dr. Shih succeeds Elizabeth Moon Carter, whose term has expired.

Kimberly Hurst, of Royal Oak, is the founder and executive director of The Avalon Healing Center, a 24-hour facility for assault victims. Hurst is a certified physician assistant and forensic examiner, and she holds a Bachelor of Science in exercise physiology from Michigan State University, a Master of Arts in kinesiology from the University of Minnesota, and a Master of Science in physician assistant studies from Wayne State University. Kimberly Hurst is appointed as a nominee of the Speaker of the House for a term commencing December 23, 2024, and expiring March 1, 2025. Hurst succeeds Hassan Beydoun, whose term has expired.

The Human Trafficking Commission is designed to identify sources for grants that will assist in examining and countering human trafficking, fund research programs to determine the extent and nature of human trafficking in this state, and provide information and training to police officers, prosecutors, court personnel, social services personnel, and other individuals.

These appointments are not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Veterans' Facility Authority Board of Directors

Nancy Susick, of Rochester, is the president of Corewell Health Beaumont Troy Hospital. A registered nurse since 1986, Susick has held numerous leadership, staff, and administrative positions throughout her career at Corewell Health. Susick holds a Master of Science in nursing from Oakland University and a Bachelor of Science in nursing from The University of Detroit Mercy. Nancy Susick is appointed as a nominee of the Speaker of the House of Representatives with experience in long-term care, health care licensure or finance, or medicine for a term commencing December 23, 2024, and expiring April 15, 2027. Susick succeeds Henry Boutros, whose term has expired.

The Michigan Veterans' Facility Authority Board of Directors governs the Michigan Veterans' Facility Authority and consists of the Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and eight members appointed by the Governor who have professional knowledge, skill, or experience in long-term care, health care licensure or finance, or medicine.

This appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council

Jon Cool, of Grand Rapids, is the president of the Michigan Railroads Association. He previously served as a legislative liaison for the Michigan Department of Transportation. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Central Michigan University. Jon Cool is appointed as an individual with technical expertise related to emergency response for a term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2028. Cool succeeds Steve Gorman, whose term is expiring.

Abigail Watkins, of Reed City, is the director of emergency services for the County of Newaygo and a medical first responder for Hersey Township Fire Department. She holds a professional emergency management certification from the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and a critical incident stress management certification from The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. Abigail Watkins is reappointed as anindividual with technical expertise related to emergency response for a term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2028.

The MCCERCC assists in developing, maintaining, implementing and supporting and promoting emergency response principles, strategies, and practices within governmental agencies and private sector organizations in Michigan.

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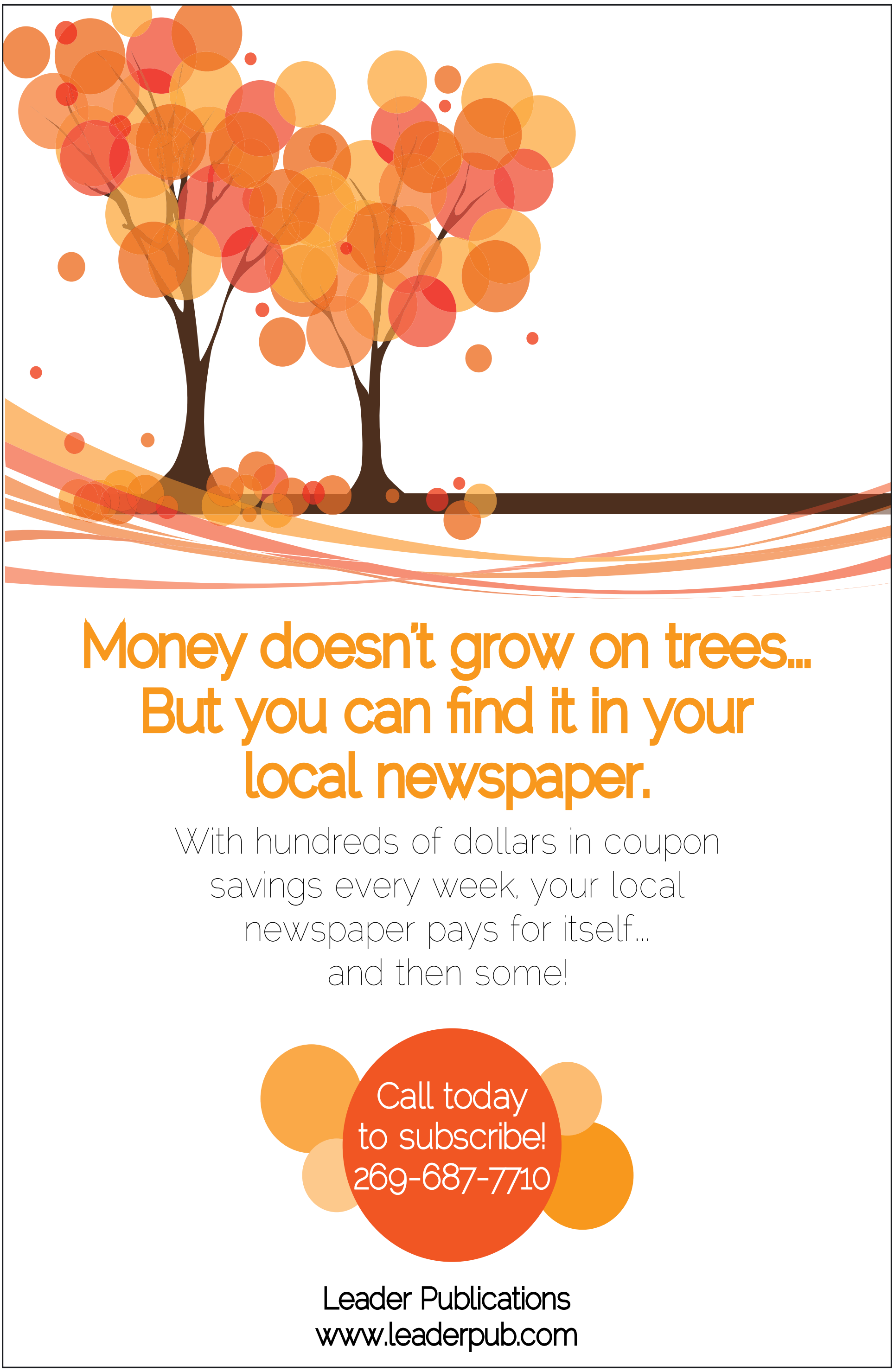
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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Aloha Storage located at 3001 South 11th Street Niles MI 49120 intends to hold an auction of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur at the facility on 1/20/2025 at 12:00PM. Unless otherwise stated in the below list of Unit #'s the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Unit #N014. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice.

Niles Daily Star:
Jan. 4 and 11, 2025
L2L-55764

PUBLIC NOTICE

JANUARY 21, 2025 Howard Charter Township board meeting will be held at the Howard Township Fire Station at 7pm. 2690 Lakeshore Dr, Niles Mi 49120.

Niles Daily Star:
Jan. 4, 2025
MEETING 1.21.25

PUBLIC NOTICE

HOWARD TOWNSHIP
CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Fire Department.
Board Action
Approved Meeting Agenda.
Approved the minutes of the 11/19/24 and 12/17/24 Board meeting
Approved the financial report with an ending balance of 932,087.80 including a CD
Approved the payment of bills through December 18, 2024
Approved the departmental reports
Approved Budget meeting dates, 1/28, 2/4 at 6pm and 2/22 at 10am.
Approved Mike Daly and Kevin Kunst to ZBA 3-year term
Approved Dawn Stanage, Tom Hable and Scott Miller to Planning Commission for multi-year terms.
Public Comment 15 residents spoke in concern for millage increase.
Adjourn the meeting at 8:40

Niles Daily Star:
Jan. 4, 2025
MEETING SYNOPSIS

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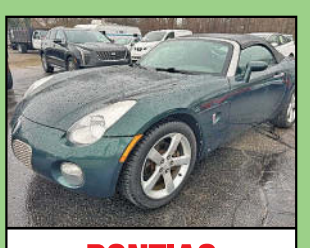

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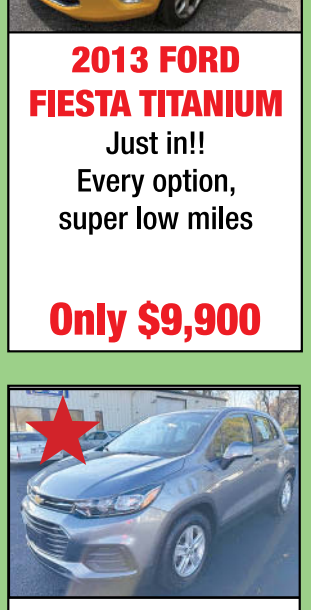

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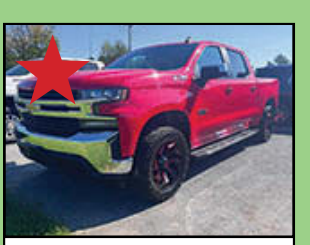

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